

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE
REQUEST FOR FILING APPLICATION UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.53(b)WITHOUT FILING FEE AND/OR WITHOUT EXECUTED INVENTOR'S DECLARATION

12/03/01

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, DC 20231

Atty. Dkt. 1579-628

Date: December 3, 2001

Sir:

This is a request for filing a new PATENT APPLICATION under Rule 53(b) entitled:

ZINC ALPHA-2-GLYCOPROTEIN AS INDICATOR OF CANCER

without a filing fee and/or without an executed inventor's oath/declaration.

This application is made by the below identified inventor(s). Attached hereto are the following papers:

 Newly executed Declaration, Copy of Declaration from prior application, Abstract35 pages of specification and claims (including 19 numbered claims), and
6 sheets of accompanying drawing/s. Record the attached assignment and return to the undersigned. Attached is a Power of Attorney. Priority is hereby claimed under 35 U.S.C. § 119 based on the following foreign applications:

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, respectively, the entire content of which is hereby incorporated by reference in this application..

Certified copy(ies) of foreign application(s) is/are attached.

Certified copy(ies) filed on _____ in prior application no. _____ filed _____

This application claims the benefit of Provisional Application No. 60/250,159, filed December 1, 2000, the entire content of which is hereby incorporated by reference in this application.

Please amend the specification by inserting the following paragraph before the first line: --This application is a continuation/ division/ continuation-in-part of Application No. _____, filed _____, the entire content of which is hereby incorporated by reference in this application.--

Petition filed in prior application to extend its life to insure co-pendency.

The prior application is assigned to _____.

It is hereby requested that the Examiner consider the art cited in the above parent application(s) by applicant and/or the Examiner for the reasons stated therein. A listing of that art is attached, but pursuant to Rule 98(d) copies are not required.

Applicant claims "small entity" status. "Small entity" statement attached.

Please enter the attached and/or below preliminary amendment prior to calculation of filing fee:

Also attached: Information Disclosure Statement; Non-Publication Request; Nucleotide and/or Amino Acid Sequence Submission; Statement deleting Inventor(s) named in prior application; Other:

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